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Shultz Tour - Lebanon

Israeli Cabinet Meeting — Previewing the 6 May Israeli Cabinet meeting on the draft agreement submitted by Secretary of State Shultz, Jerusalem radio said Prime Minister Menahem Begin's position will determine the outcome. However, Begin's associates had disclosed that the prime minister was undecided. The radio reported that after hearing the Cabinet decision Shultz will leave for Jordan and then proceed to Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Citing Lebanese press reports on the draft agreement, AFP said the Lebanese agreed that Major Sa'd Haddad will be appointed deputy commander of the Lebanese Army unit in the south and that five supervision teams for the border area will include no more than 50 Israeli soldiers.

THE JERUSALEM POST described the "emerging agreement" as a "poor man's version of the grandiose peace pact held up by Ari'el Sharon." The Israeli negotiators have effectively agreed that Maj Haddad will not have supreme command of his militia and the Lebanese have conceded only a nominal role for Haddad lasting a year, the POST said. Furthermore, IDF soldiers in the joint patrols will not be allowed to give chase to "terrorists," the paper added. Many important details of the security arrangements have not yet been finalized, Jerusalem radio noted.

Syrian Stand, Al-Asad in Jidda — Asserting that the clauses of the Lebanese-Israeli draft agreement indicate that Israel has achieved military and political aims which it was unable to realize through invasion, the Damascus paper ATH-THAWRAH said Lebanon should reject the agreement because it means a "relinquishment of sovereignty, rights, and freedom and turns Lebanon into an Israeli protectorate and espionage base," SANA reported on 6 May. Syria will not allow the invaders to benefit at the expense of Lebanon and the Arab nation, the paper added, and neither will it abandon its stands nor relinquish an inch of Arab territory.

In a similar vein TISHRIN said Secretary Shultz is seeking Lebanese approval for an agreement that "practically consecrates israeli trusteeship over southern Lebanon and U.S. trusteeship over the rest," according to Damascus radio's press review. Any agreement which the Americans try to impose on Lebanon and which threatens Syrian and Arab security will fare "no better" than the Reagan plan, TISHRIN concluded.

Meanwhile, President Hafiz al-Asad arrived in Jidda for talks with King Fahd, according to Radio Monte Carlo. Beirut radio cited an Israeli report that the purpose of Al-Asad's visit is to persuade Fahd not to support the likely Lebanese-Israeli agreement if this provides gains for Israel in Syria's estimation.

Monitored Saudi and Syrian media have not mentioned Al-Asad's visit to Saudi Arabia.

Lebanese Security Situation — Beirut was calm on 6 May following a day of "mad indiscriminate shelling" of greater Beirut and nearby areas in which up to 10 people were killed and 35 others were wounded, Beirut radio reported. The shelling of the capital and Christian areas to the northeast followed renewed fighting in the Ash-Shuf region, the radio said.

U.S. Marine commander Colonel James Mead's helicopter was hit by bullets during a reconnaissance flight to determine the source of the shellfire, the radio noted. An IDF sergeant was killed and nine soldiers were wounded when IDF vehicles were caught in the crossfire between Druze and Christians, according to ITIM.

In a statement broadcast by Voice of Lebanon radio, the Phalangist Lebanese Forces command accused Syria of involvement in the shelling, asserting that Syria is resorting to military operations to prevent an Israeli-Lebanese agreement and implement its "impossible conditions" on Lebanon. The Lebanese Forces commander subsequently warned the Syrians and Druze that the Phalangists are "losing patience" and have the means to deter "those who undermine Lebanese sovereignty and security," according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon.

Noting that the shelling stopped after Lebanese Air Force reconnaissance flights, the Voice of Lebanon reported that upon President Amin al-Jumayyil's instructions the Lebanese Army commander telephoned the Syrian Army chief of staff and called for an end to the "unusual actions" perpetrated by artillery in Syrian-controlled areas. The Syrian commander, who expressed ignorance of this situation, is expected to meet his Lebanese counterpart shortly, the radio said. Lebanese security sources cited by the radio said the Syrians had fired GRAD missiles at the Juniyah area.

PLO Affairs

The Palestinian leadership will shortly hold in Damascus its "most important" meeting since the PLO's departure from Beirut, Radio Monte Carlo reported. The radio also cited a report by the London daily ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT that, following the recent PLO-Syrian leadership talks, preparations are under way for an Arab minisummit featuring the PLO, Syria, and Jordan.

Israel

Presidential Inauguration — Hayim Herzog was sworn in as Israel's sixth president, Jerusalem radio noted.

West Bank — A secret Jewish organization calling itself "The Defending Fist" has claimed responsibility for recent attacks on Arab cars and a Hebron mosque "in reaction to" Arab attacks on Jewish travelers, according to Jerusalem radio.

Egypt

Relations With Israel — "Authoritative" Egyptian and U.S. sources recently confirmed that Egypt will return its ambassador to Israel if the latter signs an agreement with Lebanon to withdraw the IDF from Lebanon, THE JERUSALEM POST reported.

Relations With USSR — The Cairo magazine AL-MUSAWWAR announced that Egypt and the Soviet Union are expected to exchange ambassadors in August, according to Baghdad radio.

Iran

Further on Tudeh Party, Expulsion of Soviets — Those who have been Tudeh members or sympathizers or have participated in its activities should report to Revolution Guards Corps centers before the announced deadline. If they are not guilty of any further treason or offense, they will be released after filling out the relevant forms, Prosecutor General Hoseyn Musavi-Tabrizi announced in an interview broadcast by Tehran Radio. If they do not report by the deadline as stipulated, however, they will be subject to prosecution and will be treated like those "who are waging war against God and the Islamic Republic," he added.

Meanwhile, a Tehran radio commentary criticized Tudeh Secretary General Nureddin Kianuri for confessing that his party was "misled" into spying for the Soviet Union: Kianuri was thereby trying to exonerate the party's ideology and place the blame on himself and the other party leaders, the radio contended. The radio also noted that 140 Majlis deputies signed an open letter to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni which described the dissolution of the Tudeh and the confessions of its leaders as a "a great victory equal to that of the occupation of the U.S. den of espionage."

Following the expulsion order for 18 Soviet diplomats, demonstrators protested outside the Soviet Embassy in Tehran, IRNA noted citing KEYHAN. The Soviet Union lodged an "emphatic protest" against Iran's "arbitrary and totally unfounded action," PRAVDA announced in an editorial reported by TASS. The Tudeh has not provided the Soviet Union with any secrets concerning Iran's military and political situation, PRAVDA asserted, and the party leaders' "confessions" were obtained by methods inherited from SAVAK. Claiming that "foreign agents" in Iran fabricated false material to turn Iran against the Soviet Union, PRAVDA said "spy mania" is being whipped up by Iranian circles who fear Soviet-Iranian cooperation and are pushing Iran toward a "pro-imperialist" policy.

Kurdish Operations — Government forces achieved further success in their campaign against "counterrevolutionaries" in Kordestan, capturing two mountain passes and purging several villages, Tehran radio reported.

Afghanistan

Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand denied rumors that a timetable for the withdrawal of Soviet troops was under discussion in the indirect negotiations at Geneva, according to an interview reported by AFP. Keshtmand disclosed that his government plans to make "very important" investments this year to rebuild the economy, AFP said, and he also stated that the DRA will soon release imprisoned French doctor Philippe Augoyard.

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Dost on Group 77 Meeting, DRA-Pakistani Talks
LD051505 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] Kabul, 15 May BAKHTAR — Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, this morning chaired a session of the DRA Council of Ministers at the council headquarters.

Shah Mohammad Dost, DRA minister of foreign affairs, presented a comprehensive report on the participation of the DRA delegation in the fifth conference of Group 77 ministers, which was held in Buenos Aires 28 March-19 April and on the talks of the Afghan delegation with the Pakistani delegation through the UN envoy Diego Cordovez, which were held 11-22 April in Geneva. His report was completely approved by the session of the Council of Ministers.

Shah Mohammad Dost said the Afghan delegation took an active part in the Group 77 meeting and offered its views to the meeting in accordance with party and government policy.

The delegation expressed views on the present international economic conditions, the economic problems of the developing countries, the reasons for these problems, and ways to solve them.

Shah Mohammad Dost said the talks between the Afghan and Pakistani delegations through the envoy of the UN secretary general were frank and primarily concerned major, fundamental topics. The talks were beneficial and more progress was made than before.

The talks will continue on June 16 in Geneva.

The DRA Council of Ministers Executive Committee completely affirmed the principled stand of the Afghan delegation in the Geneva talks and once again expresses the readiness of the DRA to continue serious talks on reaching a realistic settlement and solving the question.

In the opinion of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan it would be more effective and a speedy settlement of the question would be achieved faster by holding direct talks between the two sides.

Keshtmand Says No Timetable for Soviet Pullout
BK060247 Hong Kong AFP in English 0232 GMT 6 May 83

[By Yves Heller]

[Text] Kabul, May 6 (AFP) — In an exclusive interview here, Afghan Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand denied rumors that a timetable for Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan was under discussion.

He told AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE that the question of the Soviet troops concerned Moscow and Kabul alone.

Mr Keshtmand said Soviet troops would stay "as long as imperialist intervention lasts. No one can impose on us the withdrawal of Soviet troops."

His statement (on Tuesday) conflicted with assertions last month from Pakistani sources that a withdrawal timetable was being discussed at Geneva in the indirect negotiations there between Afghanistan and Pakistan under United Nations auspices.

On Thursday U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said substantial progress had been made in the indirect talks.

The U.N. has proposed that the two sides consider a comprehensive plan including withdrawal of Soviet troops, solution of the Afghan refugee problem, and international guarantees against foreign intervention in Afghanistan's internal affairs, Mr Perez said.

But Afghan authorities pay relatively little attention to the Geneva negotiations, which will resume in June, an informed source in Kabul said.

Afghan President Babrak Karmal accused Pakistan on April 26 of scheming to "prevent a political solution" to the Afghan crisis.

Mr Keshtmand minimized the effect of massive defections by Afghan intellectuals and government employees since the December 1979 Soviet invasion.

The defectors "were motivated by self-interest and were ineffective. We're better off without them. We will train new cadremen," the prime minister said.

Mr Keshtmand said the communist government, which came to power in a coup in April 1978, "has created a solid foundation in the provinces" and that the government's support would continue to grow for a long time.

The Kabul government controls the country and will maintain its authority even if Soviet troops leave Afghan soil, Mr Keshtmand said.

The prime minister said the government was planning to make "very important" investments this year to rebuild the war-torn nation.

Last month, he said that damage inflicted by Afghan rebels totaled about 25 billion afghanis ($287 million), roughly half the investment total during the 20 years preceding the communist takeover.

The prime minister added that Kabul authorities would soon liberate imprisoned French doctor, Philippe Augoyard, 30, who was condemned to eight years in prison last March after being captured while treating Afghan rebels.

Gol Aqa Returns From Mozambique 4 May
LD050414 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 4 May 83

[Text] General Gol Aqa, vice president of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, returned from Mozambique today. He said that he brought with him warm greetings from the leaders of that country addressed to Babrak Karmal, general

secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

He expressed thanks for the warm feelings of the people of Mozambique toward our people and revolution and at the warm greetings and welcome accorded to the Afghan delegation in that country.

Briefs

DRA-SRV Cooperation Agreement — A protocol of cooperation between the PDPA and the Vietnamese Communist Party was signed today in the Stoor Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul. The protocol was signed by Feda Mohammad Dehneshin, member of the PDPA Central Committee and head of the Publicity, Popularization, and Education Department of the Party Central Committee, and Tran Quynh, member of the Communist Party Central Committee and vice chairman of the Vietnamese Council of Ministers,and the relevant documents were exchanged. During the signing ceremony, the deputy head of the International Relations Department of the PDPA and the Vietnamese ambassador in Kabul were also present. [Text] (Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 29 April 83 LD]

DRA-Kampuchea Agreement — A cooperation protocol was signed today in the Stoor Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between the PDPA and the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Party [KPRP]. The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that the protocol was signed by Brigadier General Khalilollah, member of the PDPA Central Committee and deputy minister of the DRA Ministry of National Defense, and Lim Nai, member of the KPRP Central Committee and deputy minister of the National Defense Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea. During this signing ceremony,the deputy head of the International Relations Department of the PDPA Central Committee and the members of the Kampuchean delegationwere present [Text][Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 29 April 83 LD]

DRA-CSSR Youth Cooperation — The protocol of cooperation and friendship between the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan [DYOA] and the Czechoslovakia Socialist Union of Youth for 1983-84 was signed yesterday in Kabul. The protocol was signed by Borhan Ghiasi, first secretary of the DYOA Central Committee, and Josef Husar, secretary of the Czechoslovakia Socialist Union of Youth Central Committee. [Text][Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 29 Apr LD]

Gandhi Comments on Middle East, Other Topics

AL-AHRAM Interview

NC052306 Cairo MENA in Arabic 2210 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] Cairo, 5 May (MENA) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has stated that the world is very attentively watching how the United States will use its influence on Israel and the other parties concerned to reach a settlement of the Middle East question. She added that she hopes U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will be able to make an objective evaluation of the dimensions of the seriousness of the situation in the Middle East during his current tour of the area.

Mrs Gandhi said that the responsibility for the explosion of the situation in the area to this extent falls on the entire world. She said that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat will visit India this month within the framework of the Nonaligned Movement's call for the need for Israel to withdraw from Lebanon and for it to stop building settlements and start the negotiations.

In an interview to be published by AL-AHRAM tomorrow, Friday, Mrs Gandhi said that Egypt's unique position in the Arab world places great responsibilities upon it for working toward a settlement of the Arab question, establishing justice, and spreading peace and prosperity in the area. Mrs Gandhi emphasized that history will not forget the historical role of Egypt and India under the leadership of Jawahirlal Nehru and Jamal 'Abd an-Nasir in confronting world imperialism.

In her interview with AL-AHRAM, Mrs Gandhi referred to current international issues. She expressed her sorrow that most of the wars in recent years took place in Asia and among developing states. She also expressed her country's deep sorrow over the destruction which the Iraq-Iran war has caused to both countries at a time when they should mobilize all their capacities for development. She said that she was not optimistic about the possible settlement of this dispute in the near future.

Concerning the future of the Nonaligned Movement, Mrs Gandhi said that the trend in the movement is now toward growth. There are many states which want to join it. Moreover, the stands of some aligned states have become less aligned than before.

Regarding the recent incidents in the Indian state of Assam, the Indian prime minister said that she wishes to emphasize to the Arab and Islamic world that the bloody incidents which the state has witnessed recently were not basically directed against the Muslims and that it is a political and not religious issue. The incidents can be attributed to historical reasons connected with the contradictions between the original inhabitants of the state and the large number of the immigrants from Bangaldesh and Pakistan. Mrs Gandhi affirmed that India has adopted sufficient measures to reassure all the minorities in the state, including the Muslims, that they have equal rights and that the Indian Government will safeguard these rights.

Concerning the world economic crisis, Mrs Gandhi said: We are facing a critical future. It is our duty to work and plan to confront the future by increasing the cooperation and dialogue between the nonaligned and developing states; that is to say, between the South and the South and between the rich and poor states or, in other words, between the North and the South.

Views Space Research Plans

BK051030 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] The prime minister informed the Rajya Sabha today that government has no proposals to apply India's achievements in space research for defense application. Replying to a question, Mrs Gandhi said the basic application objectives of the Indian space program are to meet national needs in satellite communication and remote sensing for resource survey.

Replying to the main question, the prime minister said the recent launch of Rohini satellite RSV-2 is a part of the overall development programs for launchers capable of putting in space national remote sensing satellite and in the future geosynchronous satellite. The augmented satellite launch vehicle project, ASLV, and polar satellite launch vehicle project, PSLAV, recently approved by the govenrment, will considerably increase the launch vehicle capability.

The prime minister told the house that the Central Electronics Limited has estimated that it can make colored TV sets of 51-centimeter screen size available to the consumer at a price of 3,600 rupees, subject to certain conditions.

Mrs Gandhi also disclosed that a task force of ex-servicemen has been set up for ecological regeneration in the Himalayas. The objectives of the task force are to deploy ex-servicemen in activities related to ecological regeneration of critical areas of the country, particularly in the Himalayan region.

South Asian Cooperation Program To Be Launched

BK051500 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] A program of regional cooperation has been chalked out by seven countries of the South Asian region. The countries are India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

The minister of state for external affairs, Mr A.A. Rahim, told the lower house of Parliament today that the program will be launched at a meeting of foreign ministers to be held in New Delhi in the first week of August this year. The program envisages both sort-term and long-term cooperation in the fields of agriculure, rural development, health, transport, postal services, and scientific and technological cooeration.

Rahim Comments on Southeast Asian Dialogue

BK051705 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] India is anxious for a comprehensive settlement in Southeast Asia, where fighting flared up along the Thai-

Kampuchean border involving Vietnamese troops. The minister of state for external affairs, Mr A.A. Rahim, told the Lok Sabha during question hour that there are possibilities of a dialogue among the countries of the region itself for reaching a political settlement. He said India is watching the situation. It is hoped that the concerned countries will pay attention to the appeal made by the New Delhi summit of the nonaligned countries. He ruled out any initiative on the part of India for ending the conflict.

One Killed by Police Gunfire in Patiala

BK051246 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] In Patiala police had to open fire today when all other attempts to control an unruly stone-throwing mob failed. An official spokesman said in Chandigarh this afternoon that one person was killed in the firing.

Meanwhile, the curfew clamped in some parts of the city on Monday has been extended up to 1200 tomorrow.

The spokesman said that the situation in Patiala is now under control.

Curfew Extended; More Arrests

BK060305 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 6 May 83

[Text] In Patiala the curfew, which was scheduled to end at 1200 today, has been further extended for 24 hours. The curfew was clamped on Monday evening following incidents of violence, arson, and looting. The district magistrate, Patiala, told the All-India Radio Chandigarh correspondent this morning though the situation is under control, yet tension still prevails in some parts of the city. Some more arrests were made last night.

Home Minister Comments on Assam to Lok Sabha

BK051642 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] The home minister, Mr P.C. Sethi, told the Lok Sabha today that the proposed inquiry into the recent killings in Assam will be conducted by high-level officials from outside the state. He was replying to the 4-hour long special debate on the Assam situation.

Ruling out a judicial inquiry, Mr Sethi said this will not (?proove) any help in the present circumstances. He said that the tribunals, which will be set up for detection of foreigners in every constituency, will also be headed by persons from other states. They will be given clear guidelines so that no arbitrary action is taken and no innocent person is harassed.

Rejecting the allegations that adquate police force was not sent to Assam to maintain law and order during the election, the home minister pointed out that 312 companies were deployed both for election purposes and maintenance of law and order.

Referring to the demand that the reports of the special branch be placed on the table of the house, Mr Sethi said this was never done and members should not press for it.

Mr Sethi denied that he had blamed the entire press for their reports on the Nellie killings. He only criticized a couple of journalists. He assured members that all steps have been taken to provide relief to the victims. Government will consider the suggestions for increasing the amount of compensation.

Reiterating that there is no need to dissolve the state assembly, he said the present government should be given every opportunity to defuse the situation. Normalcy is gradually coming back to the state and in the last week no untoward incident has been reported. More than 200,000 refugees have returned to their homes. About 250 new checkposts have been set up to prevent infiltration.

Initiating the debate, the Janata member, Dr Subramanium Swamy, said that new evidence on the killings in Nellie during February elections has been brought by a New Delhi journal. He demanded that the home minister should take the house into confidence and tell exactly what has happened. He regretted that Mr Sethi had leveled allegations against the press and he demanded a judicial inquiry into the happenings.

A ruling party member from Assam said any judicial inquiry at this stage will only complicate the situation. He said the speeches made by the Bharatiya Janata Party members in Assam had aggravated the situation leading to violance.

A Communist Party of India-Marxist member said that under the pretext of identifying foreigners a pernicious move is on to drive out all minorities — religious, linguistic, and ethnic. He said if the movement led by All-Assam Students Union and the Gana Sangram Parisad [People's Action Council] succeeds in Assam, it will lead to balkanization of the country.

Development Spending To Head Fiscal Outlay

BK030629 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 3 May 83

[Excerpt] Developmental work, particularly the upliftment of the rural poor, will be the main thrust of the government's spending during the current financial year. The total central allocation will be 45,000 crore rupees. Of these, 57 percent is for developmental work and 17 percent for defense. The Rajya Sabha returned the approprition bill yesterday with its approval to authorize about 123,000 crore rupees out of the consolidated fund of India for its spending on the services this year.

Airborne Early Warning System To Be Developed
BK301627 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 30 Apr 83

[Text] The defense minister, Mr R. Venkataraman, has said that the country is in a position to develop an airborne early warning system to safeguard its airspace. India would also be developing an early warning radar system suited to the country's need.

The defense minsiter was replying to questions at the consultative committee meeting of members of Parliament attached to his ministry in New Delhi today. The members were also briefed on the emerging technology for defense.

'Full-Fledged' Naval Complex Set Up in Andamans
BK021143 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 2 May 83

[Text] The Eastern Naval Command has set up a full-fledged naval complex in the Andamans with several logistic and ancillary units. Disclosing this to a team of newsmen who visited the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, the flag officer commanding in chief, Vice Admiral M.K. Roy, said that expansion of naval facilities has been been proposed at Calcutta, Madras, and Aradip. He said this will considerably improve the deployment of naval vessels in the area. A naval armament is also under construction in Koraput in Orissa.

Joint Pakistan Commission To Meet 1-4 June
BK051501 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] The first meeting of the recently set up Indo-Pakistan joint commission will be held in Islamabad from 1 to 4 June. The external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, will lead the Indian delegation at the meeting.

Commerce Minister on Benefits of Soviet Trade
BK051524 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] The commerce minister, Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, today assured the Rajya Sabha that the Indo-Soviet trade is beneficial to both the countries. He said it has touched a peak level of 31.74 billion rupees last year.

He was replying to a call-attention motion tabled by Mr Jashwant Singht, Bharatiya Janata Party, and others on the reported shortfall in the performance of the Indo-Soviet trade plan.

Demonstration in Front of USSR Embassy Reported

LD052110 Tehran IRNA in English 1950 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 5, IRNA — A large group of people gathered in front of the Soviet Union Embassy in downtown Tehran Wednesday night urging the responsible officials to take decisive action against members of the outlawed Tudeh Party who have confessed to having spied for the Soviet Union, the evening daily KEYHAN reported in its Thursday's issue.

The demonstrators who also chanted slogans against the United States demanded the expulsion of the Soviet diplomats and execution of members of the leftist party.

The demonstrators dispersed at 2330.

AFP Account

NC051445 Paris AFP in English 1435 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 5 (AFP) — A first group of Soviet diplomats was prepared to return to Moscow today following the announcement yesterday of their expulsion from Iran and the dissolution of Iran's communist party, reliable sources said.

There was no commentary from the Soviet Embassy today and a spokesman said the 18 who yesterday were given 48 hours to quit Iran were "absent."

A small group of demonstrators gathered outside the embassy last night shouting "Death to Tudeh spies," in reference to Iran's communist party whose leaders have been accused of espionage for the Soviet Union.

Iran's General Prosecutor Hoseyn Musavi [as received] met today with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to report on the arrest of Tudeh Party militants, Tehran radio said.

Tudeh Party members have been given one month to turn themselves in to authorities.

The radio said members who had not committed treason or specific wrongdoings would be freed.

Materials on Tudeh Party Dissolution, Arrests

Prosecutor General Comments

LD051142 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] Seyyed Hoseyn Musavi-Tabrizi, Islamic Revolution prosecutor general, was received this morning by Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He submitted a report on the activities of the prosecutor general's office and the issues related to the arrest of the members of the treacherous and dissolved Tudeh Party.

In a short interview with our correspondent, the Islamic Revolution prosecutor general talked about the issues raised in the presence of the imam:

[Begin recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. When we had the honor of being graciously received for an audience by the imam, we talked about a number of security and intelligence issues and informed his great eminence about the recent activities of the Guards Corps and the central Islamic Revolution prosecutor's office and informed him of the sensitive aspects of the issue. We also informed him about the recent developments concerning the warring minigroups, especially the treacherous and dissolved Tudeh Party and the latest developments. I explained that the members of the Tudeh Party should report themselves to the guards and that if they do report themselves they may be released provided that they have not committed any offenses. He also graciously issued some guidelines.

We also discussed my recent trips. The revolution prosecutor's office had certain judicial difficulties which were minor issues so I brought these issues to his notice. I enquired about his views and he issued some guidelines.

[Question] In view of the announcement of the Islamic Revolution prosecutor general issued yesterday, can you please tell us anything on this issue?

[Answer] First of all, I want to say that brothers from the Guards Corps and the prosecutor's offices throughout the country should fully coordinate actions in this issue. Certain forms have been sent by the Guards Corps to all their centers. Those who have been sympathizers, members or have participated in some activities in the Tudeh Party should report themselves before the deadline set for them. If they report themselves and if they are not guilty of any further treason or offense except their association with the Tudeh Party, they will certainly be released after having filled out the relevant forms.

However, they should know that if they do not report themselves by that date, they will be treated after the deadline like those who are waging war against God and the Islamic Republic. The revolution prosecutor's offices will prosecute them in accordance with the law. All the Guards Corps centers are ready and the forms are ready. They should go there and fill in those forms. I hope that, God willing, this will be a chance for those who have been deceived and who had inadequate information and did not know that they were mistaken. I hope that they will use this opportunity because after the deadline remorse will be useless.

Majlis Deputies' Letter to Khomeyni

LD051343 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 5 May 83

[Excerpts] According to our correspondent's report, the Islamic Consultative Assembly held an open session this morning. The session was chaired by Majlis Deputy Speaker Mohammad Yazdi. To begin with, he referred to the victories of the Islamic Revolution as special favors from the Almighty and noted the disgrace of the treasonable, defunct Tudeh Party. He said:

The collapse of the spider's webs spun by the enemies of Islam in a manner witnessed by the entire Muslim people of Iran and the honorable deputies, constitutes one of the special divine favors

because only the Almighty's special protection of his religion in these complex circumstances can and does bring about such victories. He added: Such victories are extraordinary and it is our duty to thank those who have worked hard and rendered service to this end and, as the imam graciously described them, the unknown soldiers who have served and are serving along this path. We express our appreciation and thanks to all those who worked hard and served along this path.

According to the same report, during today's open session, a letter signed by 140 deputies and addressed to the great leader of the Islamic Revolution, was read :

In His exalted name. To the blessed presence of the great leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, His Holiness Imam Khomeyni — may His blessings continue,

Expressing our gratitude to Almighty God whose grace and favor have constantly been bestowed on this Islamic nation, we deem the exposure of the evil defunct Tudeh Party as a giant step toward the righteous course of the Islamic Revolution. Exposure of the treacherous, defunct Tudeh Party, particularly by the very words of its officials, has clearly demonstrated that the Islamic Revolution enjoys such strength and steadfastness that it will cast aside any impurity and will reveal and expose any plot.

Exposure of the treacherous, defunct Tudeh Party has shown that the Islamic Revolution consistently pursues the divine course of neither East nor West, just as it has exposed forever the archsatan by the occupation of the U.S. den of espionage and demonstrated that the embassies of the superpowers have no other function but interference. Exposure of the nature of the treacherous, defunct Tudeh Party has demonstrated how the sons of the Islamic Revolution, without expecting any glory or accolade and armed with sincerity and selflessness, can amaze the infidels and hypocrites. They kill the infidels and hypocrites while they are beset with carelessness and thereby win the praise of the world for the all encompassing might of the revolution. Exposure of the treacherous, defunct Tudeh Party is a warning to all Islamic countries and to the world's meek so that they will know that movements such as the Tudeh Party have no other function than evil and to act as agents.

Socialism and communism today, in their Western form, are nothing but Zionism, and in their Eastern form are tantamount to espionage and treason. We thank Almighty God for having bestowed glory and greatness on Islam and on the imam of the Islamic nation.

In pursuance of the statement by his holiness the imam, the deputies of the Islamic Consultative Assembly express their appreciation and thanks to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, the committee, the mobilization, the esteemed staff of the Islamic Revolution prosecutor general, and all the organs that have played a role in exposing and arresting the spying elements of the treacherous, defunct Tudeh Party.

The staggering admissions of the evil officials of the treacherous, defunct Tudeh Party and its dissolution constitute a great victory equal to that of the occupation of the U.S. den of espionage. May this victory be blessed for the imam and the Islamic nation and we ask Almighty God to grant complete victory to the Islamic Republic of Iran along the path of neither East nor West, and to grant awakening to the Muslim nations of the region.

Khamene'i Meeting With Corps Officials

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[Excerpt] Mohsen Reza'i, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, Minister Mohsen Rafiqdust, and Shamkhani, deputy commander of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, were received this afternoon by President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president of the Supreme Defense Council.

After the meeting, Mohsen Reza'i, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, spoke to our correspondent in an exclusive interview, elaborating the topics discussed with the president. He said a report was presented to the president of the Supreme Defense Council, dealing with the latest situation on the battlefronts and the result of the crushing of the treacherous and defunct Tudeh organization and the arrests that have been made. The meeting also discussed and examined topics concerning the followup policy after the operation, and other conspiracies by that minigroup. Khamene'i hailed the efforts and work that have been rendered.

Confirming that in the operation to date all the leaders of the treacherous Tudeh Party have been arrested and that the party has been broken, Reza'i added: God willing, we will follow up this operation.

Commentary on Tudeh 'Treasons'

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Last Saturday, television screens showed the faces of two more mercenaries of the foreigners so that our heroic and martyr-nurturing people could hear the shameless treasons of the treacherous and hated Tudeh Party from the mouths of its own leaders and so that the nature of this hellish organization could be exposed and revealed more than before.

The remarks made by these two people were so moving and important that one needs a long time to discuss all the points raised by them. However, because of the shortage of time, we will put aside most of their remarks and will only refer to a few points. One of the points is the dependence of this treacherous and blasphemous party on the Eastern superpower. We should talk a little about this.

After the victory of the glorious Islamic Revolution, the mercenary leaders of this party pretended in a deceitful manner that they were independent. In this way, they tried to attract the young people of our country so that, at the appropriate time, they could deliver the final blow upon the Islamic Republic and install a puppet government in this country. Of course, it is clear that middle-aged and elderly people who remember the events after

World War II and the frequent treasons of this traitorous party against this country are well aware of its vile and diabolical nature and do not regard it favorably.

The treacherous and mercenary leaders of this party, who had been released from jails and who had been allowed to return from their places of exile as a result of the glorious Islamic Revolution and as a result of the heroic activities of the brave and lion-hearted Muslim men and women of this country, began to attract young people who were relatively ready to follow their path, in order to infiltrate society. To this end, they did not refrain from any deceit or treachery and they portrayed themselves as much as possible as supporters of the revolution and the Islamic Republic. Under the pretext of fighting against the United States and its blood-thirsty lackeys, they placed themselves among the God-seeking revolutionaries of our country. At the same time, they were laying the foundations of a long-term plan so that, by means of a creeping coup d'etat, they could place their infiltrating agents in various national organizations and so that at the appropriate time they could, according to their vain imaginings, control the levers of power and drag the country in the direction they wished.

Another point is their confession to spying for the Soviet Union, which the secretary general of this dependent party confessed. He said this calamity happened as a result of the party being misled. It should be noted that in this way he was trying to deny the Tudeh Party's total dependence on and subservience to the Soviet Union ever since its establishment. This is why he described spying for the Soviet Union as a result of the party being misled.

Is it not a fact that the Tudeh Party regards itself as affiliated to all the communist parties of the world? Is it not a fact that its ideology and beliefs are based on Marxist internationalism? Is it not a fact that it regards the Soviet Union as the focal point of its aspirations and that it has been and still is subservient to the Communist Party of that country?

How then, can they explain the placing of national intelligence at the disposal of foreigners as being due to the party being misled? In this way, they think they can exonerate the ideology of the Tudeh Party and put the blame only on themselves.

The final point is that, according to the confessions of the party leaders, Marxism has reached a dead-end in Iran and has nothing new to offer the revolutionary, young generation of our country; because Islam — this true divine faith — contains within itself all the issues and answers which a country, a society,even individuals require. With its teachings and laws, it heals all individual and social ills. This is why it is impossible for the hard-pressed Muslims of Iran to be attracted to this blasphemous ideology. It should also be added that under present conditions and after the Islamic Revolution has been presented to Muslim countries in particular and to all the deprived Third World countries in general, there is no longer any popular basis for Marxism and that it has reached a dead-end not only in Islamic Iran but also in the entire world.

In view of the above facts, it is time for the deceived and ignorant people who had connections with this party and who sympathize with it to come to their senses after the revealing confessions of its leaders and bosses. They should return to the embrace of the nation and of dear Islam before it is too late. They should shun this frightful organization and its followers. Now, with the confessions of the Tudeh Party leaders, there is no further excuse for anyone — and Almighty God will not accept any excuses. Also, the heroic Iranian nation can tolerate plots and conspiracies only to a limited extent. If the nation fears that its bloodstained revolution and its beloved Islam has been endangered, it is clear that it will rise as in the past and will totally obliterate the foundations of the plotters.

Bushehr Announcement

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[Text of unscheduled announcement by Bushehr Revolution Guards]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. "Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, and those who are with him are hard against the disbelievers and tender among themselves." [Koranic verse]

The residents of Bushehr Province hereby are notified that following the arrest of the central cadre of the treacherous and defunct Tudeh Party and the exposure of the true face of this infidel party as spies in support of aliens, by means of a concerted operation by your children guards and mobilization members and with the coordination of the Islamic Revolution prosecutor of the Islamic Revolution of Bushehr and the 36-million strong intelligence organization, all the leaders and high-ranking officers of grades 1 and 2 were arrested on Monday, 28 April.

During interrogations, these people confessed to crimes and to treason against Islam and the Islamic Republic. Therefore, all the supporters and (?sympathisers) of this defunct party are requested to surrender themselves to the information department of the revolution guards of District No 6 of Bushehr, bringing with them their ID cards, three recent photographs, and two photostat copies of their ID cards beginning Sunday, 15 May until 15 June. They will be allowed to go after the compilation of their dossiers. Otherwise, they will be declared counterrevolutionaries and will be prosecuted.

Finally, we request the hezbollahi nation to refrain from any anti-Islamic action and to follow the Islamic code of behavior and to hand in their information and reports regarding this misguided group to the information headquarters or to telephone 2016.

"Surely, satan's strategy is weak." [Koranic verse]

NVOI Condemns 'Suppression' of Tudeh Party

TA052008 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 5 May 83

[Unattributed commentary: "People Condemn Plot Against Nation's Popular, Anti-Imperialist Revolution"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Imperialist espionage organizations, with the aid of rightists and American hojjatis entrenched in government organizations, the revolution's institutions and judicial departments, by receiving the order for dissolving the Iranian Tudeh Party, finally took a practical step in crushing the Iranian nation's popular and anti-imperialist revolution. This is a great victory of the U.S. CIA, the British Intelligence Service, and Mosad and of the broad spectrum of the foes of the Iranian Revolution, for by this act, they in fact succeeded in taking revenge on the true party of the Iranian masses for the defeat of their Nowzheh coup.

With a meticulous review and study of our homeland's developments, the thought arises, willingly or unwillingly, as if the Americans and the British have returned to our emancipated homeland. Yes, imperialism and reaction and remnants of the regime of Satan, and foremost of all the American hojjatis, are overjoyed. And why should they not rejoice? A party which for the entire 4 years revealed all the counterrevolutionary plans with the utmost revolutionary decisiveness, a party which by exposing the antipeople and anti-Islamic feature of the pseudosources of imitation, of the pseudojurisconsults, of the rightists and of the hojjati agents of the CIA, demanded and continues to demand with utmost consistency the implementation of fundamental and basic reforms in the interest of the toiling million-strong masses — today this party has been declared illegal by the prosecutor general of the Islamic Revolution. But it must be said that these gentlemen are entirely mistaken.

The corrupt Pahlavi dynasty as well, with the aid of U.S. and British espionage organizations, resorted to every ploy, trick, plot, and blackmail to crush the Tudeh Party. It even issued the order for the dissolution of the Iranian Tudeh party as well, but we saw and are observing that this genuine party of the working class is alive and struggling.

It is a historical reality that a party which has risen from the masses, and a party whose basic goal is to secure a happy life for workers, farmers, and other toilers of the homeland and to maintain the true independence and freedom of the country, cannot be destroyed by resorting to blackmail, conspiracy, and plots. The people and our homeland's dear workers and farmers should know that the foes of the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist line in the Islamic Government, since the very first moments of the Iranian Revolution's victory and in accordance with the order of their overseas masters, had decided to suppress the Tudeh Party. Only 5 months ago they had raised in the Cabinet the suggestion of suppressing the Tudeh Party. At that time, this suggestion met with opposition, but as we are witnessing its implementation, delayed until today. It was with the aim of carrying out this very objective that that section of the shah's SAVAK which managed the activity against the Iranian Tudeh Party and leftist organizations remained intact, and its personnel was employed in the service of the Islamic Republic. Such individuals such as Fardust, the shah's righthand man who was responsible for the court's security affairs, were accepted in the service of the Islamic Republic. These spies of the British intelligence service, the CIA, and Mosad, from the very outset, used the experiences which they gained during the shah's oppressive rule in struggle with the true revolutionaries and patriots against the forces defending the revolution.

Such elements as Fardust and the like are entrenched in the complex of government organizations and, according to irrefutable documents, always had and still have direct ties with the CIA, the British intelligence service, and Mosad. They have supplied and are supplying officials of the Islamic Republic with reports fabricated by the CIA as documented evidence and proofs regarding individuals, groups, organizations, and developments. As we are witnessing, they have unfortunately succeeded in their counterrevolutionary aims as well.

What is taking place in our country today is an indication of the bitter fact that ultrarightist elements have succeeded, by an anti-Tudeh and anti-communist blackmail, in taking a step forward in their counterrevolutionary plot. Unfortunately, Iran's Islamic judicial authorities as well, without realizing the true essence of this onslaught by the counterrevolution and imperialist elements, have taken steps in a direction favored by world-devouring America and feeble British colonialism.

It is also obvious that the reason for the onslaught against the Tudeh should be sought in the crisis which has enveloped the revolution. It is crystal clear that as a result of pressure and plots by the imperialists and their allies from the ranks of the landowners and the major capitalists, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been led into a dead end. The most important domestic and foreign problems have remained unresolved, the plunder ing economic system of the shah's period is being stabilized day by day, and an economic system which is Western to the marrow has been left untouched.

Our homeland's people express their strong protest at this situation and explicitly demand revolutionary and basic changes in all spheres of political, economic, social, and cultural life and the implementation of fundamental transformations in the interest of the deprived people.

The Iranian Tudeh Party supported the implementation of these just demands of the people, and it is for this reason too that it became the subject of the wild wrath and hatred of the extreme rightists and superficials, the broad spectrum of the revolution and their imperialist supporters. Destroying one of the true revolutionary forces is tantamount to falling in the trap of imperialism and, in fact, it amounts to destroying the revolution's foundation.

Those who today, by compiling dossiers, spreading lies, misleading the people, employing the most condemned methods of the Middle Ages — torture — to suppress the Iranian Tudeh Party, cannot distort these facts in public opinion. The people are well aware that the Iranian Tudeh Party is in the line that defends the revolution, that it has struggled and continues to struggle against imperialism and the counterrevolution, and that it has

roots among the Iranian working class, the oppressed masses, and the revolutionary intelligentsia.

The charges being attributed to this party with the (?instructions) of the intelligence service, the CIA, and Mosad will not be able to eradicate this root. Suppression of the Iranian Tudeh Party is tantamount to the beginning of suppression of the Iranian Revolution.

NVOI Commentary Urges Saving of Revolution's Gains

TA051414 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 4 May 83

[Unattributed commentary: "Arise in Defense of Revolution's Gains Before It Is Too Late"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The breach of promise and cowardly attack and onslaught on the true forces of the revolution and the sincere followers of the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist line is continuing with the utmost intensity.

Reportedly, the rightists, the superficials, and the American hojjatis entrenched in the Islamic Government want to sound the death knell of our nation's popular and anti-imperialist revolution as soon as possible. This is the plan which the American hojjatis and their rightist and superficial partners have designed and prepared for crushing the revolution.

These agents of the great satan want to crush our nation's popular and anti-imperialist revolution, to trample the independence and freedom of our dear homeland under the boots of U.S. and British soldiers and their allies, and to prepare the ground for the return to Iran of hundreds of plundering American, British, and Western companies and monopolies.

Our homeland's revolution is facing a very dangerous and wild enemy — a cowardly enemy that breaks his promises — who does not abide by any human and Islamic standards. For him, the pure blood of our selfless sons is not worth a penny. To crush the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist line, to restore the great satan, and to consolidate the plundering system of capitalism and serfdom, they are ready to shed the blood of millions of Iranians. Their endeavor to show themselves harmonious and in step with the sincere followers of the revolution's genuine line is a ploy aimed at concealing the indisputable reality of the existence of two completely contradictory wings in the upper echelons of the clergy and government, and at putting the blame for their brutal crimes against the Tudeh and other true forces of the revolution on the struggling and committed Muslims in the Islamic Government.

Any school child knows that the arrest of leaders and members of a party that, on the basis of the request of Interior Ministry officials had put their precise addresses and complete specifications at the disposal of the government, is a very simple matter. One needs neither experience and initiative nor the dispatch of armies and employment of new security and military tactics and techniques to make such arrests. When the basis and foundation of the actions of these gentlemen consists of violating trust and confidence, one can go with one or two policemen or guards, even without weapons, to the homes of people and arrest them. Thus, the arrest of the leaders and members of the Iranian Tudeh Party was a breach of promise based on the violation of the most elementary standards of ethics and trust.

Yes, the enemy is extremely dangerous, brutal, bloodsucking, cowardly and one that breaks his promise. If it were not so he would not have thrown into prison in such a cowardly manner and by breach of promise the leaders and members of a party which according to the testimony of historical documents and records had always defended the existence of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and would not have accused the best sons of this nation of espionage by resorting to the brutal tortures of the Middle Ages.

The enemy is dangerous, bloodsucking, and wild. For this reason, too, in accordance with the advice of British, American, and Israeli advisers, he resorted to all hellish means of torture, including injection of shots with the aim of creating mental disorders in leaders and members of the Tudeh Party for the purpose of obtaining desired confessions, and filmed this shameful scene.

In accordance with the testimony of history and our homeland's people, the leaders and members of this party were always in the forefront of those who exposed the coup plots of the great satan and his Iranian agents against the Islamic Republic, and such spies and traitors as the Amir Entezams, Yazdis, Qotbzadehs, Madanis, Moqadam Maraghe'is, and so forth. The managers of the play by the British intelligence service, the CIA, and Mosad, by resorting to all dastardly and beastial means, are futilely striving to stick the espionage label, of which they themselves are worthy, on members and leaders of this true party, the Iranian Tudeh Party.

It is in implementation of this condemned and disgraceful role that they have even put to shame the torturers and dossier compilers of the annihilated shah's SAVAK. This is the bitter current reality of our homeland after the passage of more than 4 years of our nation's popular and anti-imperialist revolution.

The revolution and its gains must be saved from the danger of the barbarous attack of the rightists, superficials, and American hojjatis before it is too late.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,306

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[Communique No 1,306 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. According to reports, several of the crew of the destroyed Iraqi vessel captured by the Islamic heroes on 2 May during the attack on Nowruz oil field have been transferred to Tehran.

In the last 24 hours exchanges of fire have continued in the country's western operational area and those in the Meymak area

were more intense. In this area, the Islamic combatants fired with heavy weapons on enemy positions, destroying an ammunition depot and several of the Saddamists' trenches and killing or wounding several enemy servicemen.

In the Marivan operational area, our artillery pounded some of the Iraqi forces' positions and fortifications on the other side of the border, inflicting losses and casualties on the enemy. Yesterday exchanges of fire continued between our units and the enemy along the lines of contact, with our forces enjoying total superiority.

In the Abadan operational zone, our combatant units' heavy weapons fire destroyed several of the Iraqi forces' observation posts, heavy and light weapons emplacements, and trenches.

Yesterday the enemy artillery fired sporadically on Abadan and Khorramshahr.

In the last 24 hours, several enemy aircraft intruded in the country's airspace in the southern and western areas, but the air defense units' vigilance and timely fire forced them to flee before executing any operation.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Bushehr Ecology Official on Oil Pollution

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[Text] The official in charge of the department of environmental protection and ecology in Bushehr Province contacted the Central News Unit. In connection with the oil pollution in the Persian Gulf caused by the wild attacks of the Iraqi Ba'thist Zionist regime on the oil wells in the Nowruz oil fields, he said: The flow of oil continues as before, toward the Arab countries in the Persian Gulf, and this pollution is heading mostly toward Qatar. He added that so far no oil pollution or harm to marine life has been noticed in Iranian waters.

It must not go unsaid that the criminal Zionist Ba'thist regime of Iraq, after repeated and disgraceful defeats at the hand of the Islamic army in this imposed war, on the fronts continues its cowardly acts, including its wild attacks with long-range surface-to-surface missiles on civilian populations in cities and villages. It also continues to attack our oil jetties in the Persian Gulf with missiles, so according to its false thinking, to show that the Persian Gulf is seething with tension and thus compel Iran to accept the proposed cease-fire. While at the same time, it can put pressure on the littoral countries of the Persian Gulf to receive more aid from them to continue its wretched existence and also keep the door open for military intervention of the superpowers.

Pass Captured From Armed Groups in Kordestan

LD051722 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] A report received from the Hamzeh ash-Shohada Headquarters states that in the followup operation to reopen the Sar Dasht-Mahabad axis, a fierce resistance by the counterrevolutionaries associated with world arrogance to try to hold the strategic pass of (Zanziran) was crushed by the mighty combatants of Islam. For the first time since the victory of the Islamic Revolution [word indistinct] flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran was hoisted on the heights of (Zanziran).

Simultaneously with the capture of the (Zanziran) pass, the (Kitkeh) pass across the Sar Dasht-Mahabad axis was also captured by the combatants of Islam from the Mahabad side and a number of villages including (Kitkeh), (Poshtdareh), Qal-eh-ye Jug, [words indistinct] were mopped up from filthy existence of armed assailants. During both operations — launched by the self-sacrificing Revolution Guard Corps, the selfless personnel of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the valiant Gendarmerie, the high-flying pilots of the Air Force, and the Kurdish Muslim peshmergas — the fightened and fleeing enemy left behind tens of dead and injured and sustained heavy losses, including one antiaircraft gun and some vehicles. The operation to reopen the rest of the axis is continuing.

Khomeyni Reportedly Treated in Heart Hospital

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[Text] Blood clots in Khomeyni's veins have put pressure on his heart. According to a report by our correspondent, Ruhollah Khomeyni spent 24 hours in the Queen Mother heart hospital last week. He has been hospitalized there several times before and was given emergency treatment [darman-e fowri] last week. Khomeyni's doctors have stressed that he is now suffering from cancer of prostate gland and the amount of blood clots has increased inside his system. According to our correspondent, doctors have advised Khomeyni to speak less and refrain from long meetings with the officials of his regime.

Reportage on Recent Afghan Mujahidin Operations

Farah Province Attacks

LD032107 Tehran IRNA in English 1938 GMT 3 May 83

[Text] Zahedan, May 3, IRNA — Afghan mujahideen in an attack on a governorate in the Province of Farah, west Afghanistan, last week, set fire to a huge ammunition dump of the joint Soviet and Afghan Government forces. The fire still raged even 24 hours after the attack.

Informed sources further added that during the same period Afghan mujahideen attacked a concentration site of the Soviet forces in the governorate of Anar Darreh of Farah Province killing eight of them while the remainder fled. In this encoutner two mujahideen were martyred.

Also a vehicle carrying Soviet troops was attacked in the Herat-Qandahar route by the Afghan combatants who destroyed the vehicle with its occupants.

Nimruz Province Encounter

LD052100 Tehran IRNA in English 1917 GMT 5 May 83

[Text] Zahadan, may 5, IRNA — In a nine hour encounter with the Soviet forces on a military post in the Province of Nimruz, the Afghan mujahideen killed eight of the Soviet aggressor soldiers during the last two days.

Informed sources further added that in another encounter on May 4, the Afghan mujahideen attakced another military post in the same region killing six Soviets and injuring two others.